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In re application of:  
BARRY N. GARDINER ET AL.

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FASTENERS, INSTRUMENTS  
AND METHODS FOR  
MINIMALLY INVASIVE  
VASCULAR AND ENDOSCOPIC  
SURGERY

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### TRANSMITTAL OF FORMAL DRAWINGS

Sir:

Responsive to the Notice of Allowability mailed June 28, 2000, requiring submission of corrected formal drawings in the above-referenced application, please substitute the attached formal drawings, comprising of nineteen (19) sheets, for the informal drawings presently of record.

Respectfully submitted,

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